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Letter dated 18 February 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have received today the attached letter from Mr. Javier Solana, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, informing me of the decision by the European Union to deploy a rule of law mission to Kosovo within the framework provided by resolution 1244 (1999), and of the decision by the European Union to appoint a European Union Special Representative for Kosovo.

I should be grateful if you would bring this document to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 18 February 2008 from the Secretary-General and High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

[Original: French]

I have the honour to inform you that, on 4 February, the Council of the European Union, on the basis of the conclusions of the European Council of 14 December, adopted the Joint Action and the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) enabling the deployment of the EULEX operation in Kosovo. This operation, relating to the rule of law (essentially police and justice), aims to ensure the maintenance of an international civilian presence within the framework of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and to contribute as effectively as possible to the maintenance of regional peace and security. At the same time, the European Union appointed Mr. Pieter Feith as European Union Special Representative in Kosovo, inter alia to ensure coordination of the European Union activities on the ground. The EULEX Operational Plan (OPLAN) was adopted by the Council of the European Union on 15 February.

The European Union is accordingly acting in conformity with its regional responsibilities and is aiming to promote the European perspective in the Western Balkans.

I undertake, Sir, to keep you regularly informed of the implementation of these decisions, to enable you to discharge your responsibilities under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and to ensure close cooperation with UNMIK.

(*Signed*) Javier **Solana**